

About People And Things

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their preaching service Sunday morning and came in a body to see and hear how Pastor Smith was serving in his new year as pastor. If I am any judge of preaching, I believe Bro. Smith or none of his flock need be ashamed of the sermon he delivered. Sunday night, the Methodists called off their preaching service and attended one of the prettiest and most impressive pageants it has ever seen in its history. The spirit of Christian fellowship and cooperation existing between the members of the Elba churches is unusual and greatly to be commended.

STOLEN—There was great disappointment at the J. A. Gill home on Christmas Day, all on account of the mysterious disappearance of the big fat turkey which Mrs. Gill had been fattening for the Christmas feast. Some maidservant probably enjoyed his ill-gotten gain at the expense of the Gill family.

STEPPING HIGH—When you see Depot Agent Almon Strain stepping higher and walking more wisely than usual, you may know it is because his musical son, Harold, is home on a visit. Of course, Duncy spends a large portion of his time at another Elba home during his visits here, but Mr. and Mrs. Strain are justly proud of their talented son and are willing to overlook and make allowance for his tendency to remain with them comparatively little.

HE'S THE GOAT—Water Superintendent Ernest Owen says if a faucet drips continually and none of the family gives a darn, they all hate the water meter reader.

THE DIFFERENCE—You can tell a college girl when she comes home on a visit. When she hears something she doesn't understand she says: "How interesting?" instead of: "Ain't it so?"

INDEPENDENT—Miford Collier says he is one of the most independent guys in town. He can get on the job at Clark's Cash Store as much before seven o'clock in the morning as he wants to and there he can stay there as long as he wishes in the evening as he wishes.

WHEELS—John Elliot West, Elba's prominent and accomplished blacksmith and diagonal maker, informs me that he has about completed a set of wheels for "Gordie" Prescott's refrigerator. In case he wants to move said "ice box" any-

the Christmas pageant at the Baptist Church.

LOVELY PAGEANT—The Christmas pageant, "Love Thy Neighbor," given at the Baptist Church Sunday night, was one of the prettiest and most impressive ever held in this city. It was under the direction of Miss Annie Laurie Bullard and Mrs. Gethelie Puckard. The large choir, accompanied by piano, furnished appropriate music.

PRETTY TREES—There were so many pretty Christmas trees to see in every section of Elba during the Christmas season that it would be doing the others an injustice to mention just one, although many of them deserved special mention.

ENGLISH ARMY—Nearly half of General W. I. English's army is on its way to the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., to witness the New Year's Day classic between the Stanford Cardinal football team. The members of the English army making the trip are, namely: James, Lucious, Mack, Charlie and Fay. Another member, John Lee, had intended to accompany his brothers, but at the last moment he got cold feet or some such ailment and deserted. Notwithstanding the fact that five of the English brothers have gone to California, the family is still pretty well represented back home, as seven of the even dozen were left behind.

SYRUP—To take care of the vast quantity of syrup produced in Coffee County this year, the Elba Farmers Exchange announces that it has decided to handle 25 gallons from each grower instead of 10 gallons as previously announced.

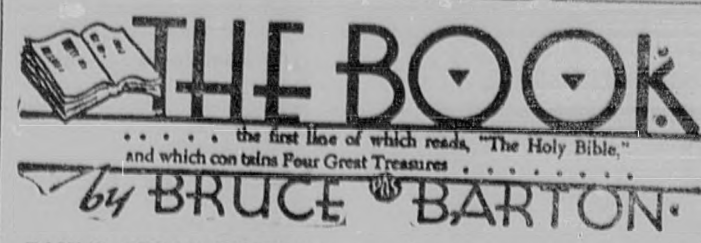
All those who have already brought in 10 gallons will be allowed to bring in 15 additional gallons.

PROGRAMS—At the beginning of the Sunday School hour at the Methodist Sunday School last Sunday morning, Mrs. Lamar Ratner conducted a pretty little program. Eight little tots, attired in pyjamas and led by Nina English as Mother, portrayed a merry Christmas morning scene. The little tots joyously received their toys from the miniature tree and closed the program by singing Christmas carols.

Following the regular Sunday School hour, Peggy Blue and Roma Pat Rauten gave readings, carrying out the Christmas spirit.

At five o'clock Sunday evening a Christmas program was conducted by the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Dana Perdue's reading was a promising feature. There was no preaching service at the Methodist Church that night, the congregation attending

THE ELBA CLIPPER



PAUL'S GREAT WRITINGS

THAT white-hot letter to the Galatians, product of Paul's intense moral indignation, whose curses remain unmitigated to cause the translators have feared to put them into plain English, is the Magna Charta of Christianity. It is the rebuke of bigotry and the battle cry of freedom. Paul soon set forth on his third and last missionary journey. He started northward as he had done before, passing from Antioch by land around the end of the Mediterranean, preaching as he went, till he came to Ephesus. There he seemed to find a new field of labor. He wrote his two letters to the Corinthians. If you will read them you will see that he conveyed pretty nearly every subject of church organization and practical sociology. Ought the church to retain in its membership a "fornicator"? Ought Christians to observe the festival of the moon? What about eating meats that had been offered to idols? Ought Christians to marry? Ought women to have part in public worship? Ought Christians to have lawsuits? Prompted in part by questions submitted to him, his letters grew to include matters and more of doctrinal instruction and of practical application of truth to life. Read these letters and see how there come into them such sublime passages as the chapter on charity (I Corinthians 13).

that all they which dwell in Asia (the province, not the continent) heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

The growth of his body of adherents was so remarkable that in a city where the beautiful temple of Diana stood and her shrine was sacred, the idol makers were almost out of work. A large mass meeting of the alvians and the Next Week: Others Take Up the Pen

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the most beautiful, the most useful and the most annoying overused of all words. Many of our readers will probably agree.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PAROLE

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor and Board of Pardons for Parole for the following: Jesse Tillis, who was sentenced to 12 months in the penitentiary at the October term, 1934, of Armstrong County, Georgia, on a charge of possession of liquor.

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MYRNA LOY

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A VOCABULARY TEST

How often do we find difficulty in thinking of just the right word to express a certain idea? Even the best writers must often stop to weigh words in order to hit upon the most appropriate one. A few speakers can observe all the niceties of expression without writing out their speeches and memorizing them beforehand. This is not due to any lack of words in the English language, however. Possibly it may be due to our having too many to choose from. The latest unabridged dictionary contains more than 400,000 words, and the list is increasing constantly.

Nash Webster's first dictionary, published in 1828, contained only about 70,000 words; the edition of 1884 included 114,000, and of 1890 about 175,000, as compared with the 400,000 recognized words today.

Yet President Wilson, who was one of the foremost masters of English, in 75 public addresses used a total of only 6,221 different words. In three of his published books, however, he used about 40,000. This shows that vasty more words are used in writing than in speaking.

A leading lexicographer estimates that the educated person of fair ability understands on the average about 50,000 words, but uses only a small part of that number in either speaking or writing. The mass of people know and use less than 8,000 words out of the 400,000 available.

An interesting experiment is to inspect a few pages of an unabridged dictionary and count how many words out of a hundred you are really familiar with, both as to spelling and meaning. Try it.

The organization with the longest name we have so far encountered is the L. S. F. S. A. P. E. C. R. It is not another New Deal alphabetical agency, but the League for Safeguarding the Fixity of the Sabbath Against Possible Encroachment by Calendar Reform. This is a Jewish society formed to oppose any calendar change which would disturb the occurrence of a Sabbath every seven days.

READ BEFORE YOU SIGN

Officials and others who have the habit of signing documents without reading them may take warning from what recently happened to Comrade Isakhanov, director of a Soviet government shoe factory in Tiflis.

A Russian periodical called The Crossed was waiting a campaign against inefficient officials, and its editors suspected that Isakhanov was not sufficiently diligent on his job. By some means it was arranged to have a fake letter presented to him for signature, along with routine documents placed on his desk each day. Isakhanov fell into the trap, and this is what he signed without reading it:

"Through some misunderstanding I was promoted to the post of factory director. I solemnly go to the workhouse. I do everything I should not do, and do not what I should. I am a fool. Everybody knows that and I inform you as well. I am ready to sign any paper without reading it. I am proving this to you herewith. (Signed) G. Isakhanov."

The Crossed published the letter and razed the unlucky shoe factory head so unmercifully that it is said he will be forced out of the Communist party as well.

Moral: Don't sign anything being sent to you and seldom sign it afterward.

Marianne Celestine d'Arpignac, home-schooled her husband after he defeated her in a lawsuit at Bordeaux, France, and she was sent to jail.

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I took one of your policies on December 5th, covering my wife, child and myself. My wife died on Sunday morning, December 23rd, about 1 o'clock, and I notified your Company at once. The response was immediate action. Death came at Enterprise about 1 o'clock Sunday morning and by daylight the matter was arranged. I used this money to pay for the hearse that brought the body back from Enterprise. It paid to have the body embalmed, it paid for the shroud and casket which I selected, it paid for a nice concrete vault and paid the undertaker for conducting the funeral. I could have used this money to buy gasoline to attend the funeral and to buy a wreath of flowers to go on the casket. Your Company has the right name, as it is in fact an Emergency Company. The only way I know to express my feelings about your Company and service is to say that it is simply wonderful, wonderful. Every family in this section should have one of your policies and should have it now. My advice to the public is to look up the Company and not wait for an agent to look you up. They cannot afford to be without one of your policies. Yours very truly,

W. C. MADDOX.

The above letter was received from Mr. Maddox and we publish same in order that the public may know how he feels about our Insurance.

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The Child Reader

MARJORIE BARROWS Editor, Child Life Magazine.

One afternoon many years ago a wharf rat on San Francisco Bay wandered into the Children's Public Library. There, opening a bound volume of a children's magazine, he stumbled upon a story. It was a story about a boy like himself — a rump, a gung leader of wharf rats, who had certain semi-rational adventures, but who, after a hard lesson, learned of better ways of living his life.

Making of Jack London. The dramatic, exciting story awoke in the young rat the unconscious conclusions of his own wrong actions. He walked out of that library resolving to lead just as adventurous a life, but one that carried with it a clear conscience. So he joined the Fish Patrol, cruised about the bay, fought poachers, and before long began to write stories about his adventures.

That boy was Jack London. The experience of this famous writer occurs, in a rather less dramatic fashion, in the life of every boy or girl. Careful investigators have discovered that next to persons, nothing has more influence on children than what they read. If a hero they admire acts under certain circumstances as they themselves would like to act, they'll remember it. They imitate the hero.

And when the time comes, they'll unconsciously be influenced by that hero's action and try to do like wise. The hero's kindness, ambition, steadfastness, loyalty, the hero's resourcefulness, quick-wittedness, pains-taking qualities, courage, magnanimity, modesty—all these examples "stick up" and are emulated both now and later. One story with hidden character-building values is worth a dozen sermons from parents or teachers.

Let us try to see that this sort of a story, full of plenty of adventure for the boy, full of interesting plots and characters for the girl, is convenient for them to pick up.

Jack London isn't the only one to be tremendously influenced by the printed word.

Lolla Wurtzle of Ensley, Ala., has been chosen honorary lieutenant colonel of the Engineering Regiment of the ROTC, one of the most prized honors for co-eds at the University of Alabama.

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